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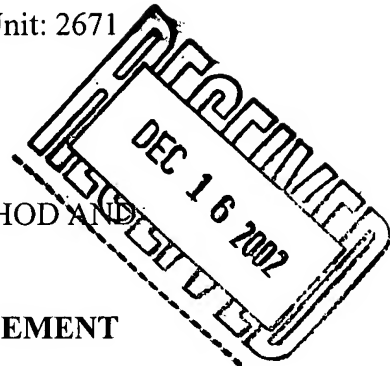
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 7, 2002, applicants call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated November 6, 2002 for corresponding European Application No. EP 02 00 4772, to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,069,622 to KURLANDER, issued on May 30, 2000;

European Patent Application No. EP 0 304 892 A2, published on March 1, 1989;

U.S. Patent No. 6,010,405 to MORAWIEC, issued on January 4, 2000; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,697,789 to SAMETH et al., issued on December 16, 1997.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents, the relevance of which is set forth in the Search Report with respect to the EP claims. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as of the EP search report, are attached and have been listed

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on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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